

Riverside  
Maidenhead  
1 Jan 1864

My dear Sir

This is the first  
note I have written in  
this New Year. Allow  
me to wish you joy of  
the season. To an old  
man, like me, it is hard-  
ly a matter of congrat-  
ulation, since it brings me  
nearer the end of my  
career. A year at 76 is  
more than ten years at  
26, and more dangerous to

life are crowded into  
that one year, then are  
spread over the other ten.

My business in  
writing to you now is to  
request the re-loan of  
a very curious volume  
which you once entrusted  
to me, and which I care-  
fully returned. It contains  
Sir J. Peckham's Account  
of Sir Humphrey Gilbert's  
voyage to Newfoundland,  
and it is dated 1583 4<sup>th</sup>.

You formerly sent  
it to me by post (open at  
the ends, but affectionately  
and warmly wrapped up)  
and I sent it back by  
the same conveyance.

For the purpose of  
my new Bibliographical  
Work (one Vol. of which is  
now printed) I am anxious  
to inspect it again. If  
you can spare it, you may  
thus do me a favour.

This day I am send-  
ing off, to you and others,  
by Reprint N<sup>o</sup>. 20 - You  
will like it, I think - at  
least, I hope. I am,

My dear Sir

Yours very faithfully  
& much obliged

J. Payne Collier

S. H. Harlowe Esq.

The sooner you can  
spare the book to me the  
better.

